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2015 Montana State Water Plan released

HELENA, Mont. – The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) today released the 2015 Montana State Water Plan.

The result of an 18-month-long planning and public involvement process, the plan contains 68 recommendations to guide state water policy and management from the present into the future, noted DNRC Director John Tubbs.

“The State Water Plan represents the input of the most diverse group of water users ever brought together by the State of Montana,” Tubbs said. “All of the recommendations are guided by the legal principles in the Montana Constitution, the prior appropriation doctrine and the Montana Water Use Act.”

Tubbs said the planning process also included input from hundreds of citizens who joined in public scoping sessions, sharing their views on the key water-related issues facing the state.

The plan will now be submitted to the 2015 Legislature.

A copy of the 2015 Montana State Water Plan is available on the DNRC Web site at www.dnrc.mt.gov/mwsi

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